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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Attached is a Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. tariff filing dated to become effective August 1, 2012, for review and approval by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

General Customer Services Tariff

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The purpose of this filing is to reflect the new Federal Lifeline Support Credit and modify the Lifeline qualifications in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Docket No. FCC 12-11, Lifeline Reform Order.

If you have any questions relative to this filing, please contact me at 972-908-4416.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judi Cleaver

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Enclosures

GENERAL CUSTOMER SERVICES TARIFF

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CAROLINAS INC. SOUTH CAROLINA

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ISSUED: July 30, 2012 BY: Vice President

Y: Vice President Rochester, New York

S3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

S3.4 <u>Interstate Subscriber Line Charge Waiver and Matching Program (Lifeline Service)</u>

S3.4.1 General

a. This program is a South Carolina Lifeline Assistance Plan and provides for a credit equal to 100% of the FCC Interstate Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) in addition to a supplemental amount credited to local service monthly billing. Funding for Lifeline Service is obtained from a universal service support mechanism to which all telecommunications carriers that provide interstate telecommunications services contribute on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis. This credit is an amount equal to the FCC Interstate Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) with a reduction in the residential local line rate as specified in S3.2.

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b. In order to qualify for the South Carolina Lifeline Assistance Plan, a customer must provide certification or authorize agency verification of their participation in at least one of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, National School Lunch Program's free lunch program, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or have a total gross income which does not exceed 135% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

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S3.4.2 Rules and Regulations

- a. The specific guidelines for implementation of this waiver are as follows:
 - (1) Certification Procedures

Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until proof of eligibility has been received by the Company. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.

(2) Processing Forms

The Company will process all application forms and apply the credit on the subscriber's monthly bill. An explanation of the credit will appear on each telephone bill.

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S3.4 <u>Interstate Subscriber Line Charge Waiver and Matching Program (Lifeline Service)</u> (Continued)

S3.4.3 Rates and Charges

a. A total credit amount applies to the Lifeline customer's monthly bill as follows:

Monthly Credit

Federal Lifeline Support Credit \$9.25 (C)

(D)

State Credit 3.50

(D)

- b. For those existing customers who qualify for, and wish to change to, the South Carolina Lifeline Assistance Plan, no service charges shall apply.
- c. All recurring and nonrecurring charges for any service ordered by the customer shall be billed at the tariffed rates. (C)
- d. When a customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline Service, the Lifeline credit amount specified in a. preceding, will be discontinued and regular tariffed rates and charges will apply.